

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Gonzalez et al.

**Serial No.:** 09/392,034

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**For:** METHOD FOR FORMING A SELF-  
ALIGNED ISOLATION TRENCH

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**Examiner:** A. Mai

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed August 10, 2007, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on November 10, 2007. As November 10, 2007, fell on a Saturday and Monday, November 12, 2007, was a Federal holiday, this Amendment, which is being submitted on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, should be deemed to have been filed within three months of the mailing date of the Office Action. 37 C.F.R. § 1.7.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin at page 3.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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**Remarks** begin on page 26 of this paper.